

House Bill 1566 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hill of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Murphy of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act to supplement the salary of the judge of the Superior Courts of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, approved February 8, 1950 (Ga. L. 1949-50, p. 102), as amended, particularly by an Act approved December 28, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 330), an Act approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 119), an Act approved March 22, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4192), an Act approved April 10, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4447), so as to increase the amount of compensation paid to such judges by the county comprising the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit; to provide for annual increases in the discretion of the governing authority; to authorize participation by such judges in county retirement, deferred compensation, or similar plans; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act to supplement the salary of the judge of the Superior Courts of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, approved February 8, 1950 (Ga. L. 1949-50, p. 102), as amended, particularly by an Act approved December 28, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 330), an Act approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 119), an Act approved March 22, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4192), and an Act approved April 10, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4447), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 1 to read as follows:

**"SECTION 1.**

The governing authority of the county comprising the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit shall supplement the salary of each judge of the superior courts of such judicial circuit as provided in this section, payable in equal monthly installments. The amount of such supplement shall

1 be up to \$25,000.00 per year beginning on the effective date of this section upon  
2 authorization by the fiscal authority."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 Said Act is further amended by adding a new section immediately following Section 1, to be  
5 designated Section 1A, to read as follows:

6 "SECTION 1A.

7 The governing authority of the county comprising the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, in its  
8 discretion, shall be authorized to increase the supplement provided in Section 1 of this Act  
9 no more than annually, and in such amount as not to exceed 3 percent or that percentage  
10 increase received by the employees of the county comprising the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit  
11 during the previous 12 months, whichever is the lesser."

12 **SECTION 3.**

13 Said Act is further amended by adding a new section immediately following Section 1A, to  
14 be designated Section 1B, to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 1B.

16 In addition to any other compensation authorized by law, upon the approval of the governing  
17 authority of the county comprising the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, the judges of said circuit  
18 shall be authorized to participate in any county retirement, insurance, or deferred  
19 compensation program, including but not limited to local matching of deferred compensation  
20 as shall be approved by said governing authority."

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

23 **SECTION 5.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.